GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of people have been waiting for the release of new telephone connections for several years in many States;

(b) if so, the telephone connections released during the last two years and the number of persons now on the waiting list for telephone connections, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to provide telephone to all the persons on the waiting list?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir, in some States.

(b) The number of telephone connections released during the last two years by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, State-wise and the number of persons now on the waiting list for telephone connections as on 31.3.2003 are given in the annexure.

(c) In Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited the wait listed persons in States other than Kerala are likely to be provided telephone connections by March, 2004 subject to availability of resources. However in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited there is no waiting list but some connections are pending due to technically non feasible areas, and these are likely to be provided by 30.06.2003.

ANNEXURE

STATE WISE DETAILS OF TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS PROVIDED DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS NOW ON WAITING LIST AS ON 31.03.2003

Sl. No.	Name of the states	Telephone connections Provided during 2001-02	2002-03	No. of Persons now on waiting list
1	A & Nicobar	2958	4946	224
2	Andhra Pradesh	302530	332331	56765
3	Assam	86423	64750	12476
4	Bihar	214161	161075	101154
5	Chhattisgarh	35563	50052	1630
6	Gujarat	451354	404152	56762
7	Haryana	193807	180219	86633
8	Himachal Pr.	93507	55495	39084
9	Jammu & Kashmir	49278	41266	43969
10	Jharkhand	79206	90414	8307
11	Karanataka	334998	362151	104506
12	Kerala	532807	530452	487499
13	Madhya Pradesh	118398	169791	15350
14	Maharashtra	735042	580178	154701
15	Goa	19467	16140	4882
16	Meghalaya	6101	6391	799
17	Tripura	12989	7192	5960
18	Mizoram	7501	4651	541
19	Nagaland	5545	4634	385
20	Arunanchal Pr.	8119	5474	1622
21	Manipur	4442	7023	6318
22	Orissa	127020	151395	10923
23	Punjab	384704	283079	101951
24	Rajasthan	277415	213986	130673
25	Tamilnadu	413644	317243	53778

26	Uttaranchal	54074	52329	5543
27	Uttar Pr. East	280251	232839	107119
28	Uttar Pr. West	200024	210125	54961
29	West Bengal	353527	250451	148067
30	Sikkim	5207	9595	172
31	Delhi	135163	90051	Nil